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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Report #35
Assessment and Evaluation Staff
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I. NEW ACTIVITIES

Office of the Chief

1. Discussed with [] Washington Office of [] his request for CIA to participate in one of [] Research Projects. 25X1
CIA's participation did not seem feasible for the following reasons:

- a. It would require full time participation by a Staff Member for two to four months.
- b. No Staff Members are available for Staff service at this time.
- c. CIA's participation was not critical to the success of the study.
- d. The specific information that might be obtained from the study would be of little interest to CIA. The principles or theories involved can be learned better in some other way.
- e. It would require considerable expenditure of time on the part of twenty-five or so subjects desired.

[] was informed on the basis of the above reasons that A & E Staff could not participate in any such study at this time. The way was left open for further discussion in some months.

2. First group of language aptitude tests for those entering internal courses this year have been given. Members of the A & E Staff are working closely with the language instructors in devising ways of checking on the value of the tests given, and of developing a program which will enable more effective selection of students for both external and internal language programs. Agreement in principle on the various problems involved has been reached between Chief, A & E and Chief, Language Training Division.

II. Assessment Branch

- a. Assessment cases scheduled for the week 5
- b. Assessments performed 5

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- c. Assessment cases written 6
- d. Assessment cases to be written 9
- e. Professional trainee (JOT) tests administered . . . 2
- f. Language tests administered 10
- g. Cases scheduled for the future:
 - Assessment 10
 - JOT 6
 - Language 9
- h. Pre-training and EOD test batteries administered . . 5
- i. Monthly Report for August is included.

III. Training Evaluation Branch

NEW ACTIVITIES

1. As a result of discussion at the TLO meetings in the DD/A, DD/P, DD/I, it was agreed that one copy of the Training Evaluation Report would be sufficient for the use of both the TLO and the Trainee's Office.

IV. Research and Validation Branch

1. On the basis of a study of the relationships of the tests in the language aptitude program one test has been eliminated as being largely duplicative of others in the battery. The recorded tests have been revised in the attempt to make them more reliable.

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Chief

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